

Tropical Cyclone 29-81 developed rapidly from an area of convection that first appeared on satellite data at 152100Z November. The disturbance which formed about 50 nm (111 km) west of the southern Andaman Islands initially moved northwest, but then went through a 24-hour quasi-stationary period between 170800Z and 180800Z. The first two warnings on TC 29-81 forecasted north-northwest movement, however, by the issuance of warning number three, mid-tropospheric wind data suggested movement toward the north-northeast was more likely. TC 29-81 finally headed

north-northeast once it resumed significant movement and continued on this track through landfall (approximately 201800Z) and dissipation over southeastern Bangladesh. All cyclone positions and intensity estimates were based upon satellite data provided by Detachment 1, 1st Weather Wing and Air Force Global Weather Central. Synoptic data, sufficient to define the circulation of TC 29-81, was never available due to the sparsity of land stations and the lack of ships in the area coupled with the sporadic reporting of available land stations.

